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	PHILIP J. CHEA	2153	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an RCE filed June 26, 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,6,7 and 19-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Lee on September 15, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please see attached.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach nor render obvious each and every limitation of the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art does not disclose in a first server system, wherein a subscription is associated with an information source and with one or more peer client systems, thereby indicating that the one or more peer clients systems is to be notified of any changes to the information source, wherein the peer client systems are configured to communicate with the first server system to subscribe to one or more information sources, and where the first peer client system communicates an alert message to each second peer client system using peer to peer (P2P) communication, the alert message including information indicating that the first information source has been modified.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHILIP J. CHEA whose telephone number is (571)272-3951. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00 (1st Friday Off).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner
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1. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing information in a peer to peer network, the method comprising:

storing information among a plurality of peer client systems, wherein the information can be accessed by the peer client systems, the information collectively referred to as information sources;

storing, in a first server system, location information indicative of a location of each information source, wherein the peer client systems are configured to communicate with the first server system to access the location information;

generating, in the first server system, one or more subscriptions, wherein each subscription ~~being associated~~ is associated with an information source and with one or more peer client systems, thereby indicating that the one or more peer clients systems is to be notified of any changes to the information source, and wherein the peer client systems are configured to communicate with the first server system to subscribe to one or more information sources;

detecting, in the first server system, a modification to an information source, the step of detecting comprising receiving, from a first peer client system, an indication that a first information source has been modified, and if the first server system determines that there is a first subscription that is associated with the first information source, communicating to the first peer client system a list of second peer client systems that are associated with the first subscription,

wherein the first peer client system communicates an alert message to each second peer client system directly using peer to peer (P2P) communication, the alert message including information indicating that the first information source has been modified,

wherein each second peer client system can access an information source that is associated with the alert message, a copy of the information source being stored in another peer client system, and

wherein each second peer client system can access the copy from the other peer client system.

2 - 5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein one of the second peer client systems automatically accesses the information source that is associated with the alert message.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the first information source is modified by the first client system.

8 - 18. (Canceled)

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19. (Currently Amended) A system for sharing information in a peer to peer network comprising:

a plurality of peer clients, each peer client in communication with other peer clients, wherein each peer client stores information, collectively referred to as information sources, wherein the information sources can be shared among the peer clients; and

a management server having information indicative of locations of the information sources, the management server configured to communicate with a peer client to provide location information to an information source so that the peer client can access the information source;

the management server further configured to receive requests from peer clients for subscriptions to one or more information sources, each such information source referred to as a subscribed information source, and to associate each subscribed information source with one or more peer clients, thereby indicating that the one or more peer clients is to be notified of any changes to the subscribed information source,

the management server further configured to receive information from a first peer client indicative modifications made to one or more of the information sources, each such information source referred to as a modified information source,

the management server further configured to identify one or more second peer clients based on a comparison of the modified information source against the subscribed information sources, and to communicate a list that identifies the second peer clients to the first peer client,

wherein the first peer client can communicate an alert message to each of the second peer clients directly using peer to peer (P2P) communication, the alert message including information indicating that the one or more information sources have been modified, and

wherein each second peer client, in response to receiving an alert message, can access a first information source associated with the alert message.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein one of the second peer clients automatically accesses at least a first information source associated with the alert message.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19 wherein one of the second peer clients generates a display to inform a user of receipt of the alert message, wherein the user can decide whether to access an information source associated with the alert message.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing information in a peer to peer network, the method comprising:

storing information among a plurality of peer client systems, wherein the information can be accessed by the peer client systems, the information collectively referred to as information sources;

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storing, in each peer client system, location information indicative of locations of one or more information sources, wherein the peer client systems can access the location information in order to determine the locations of the one or more information sources;

generating, in each peer client system, one or more subscriptions, each subscription being associated with an information source and with one or more peer client systems, thereby indicating that the one or more peer clients systems is to be notified of any changes to the information source, the step of generating comprising receiving a subscription request from a first peer client system and associating one or more information sources with the first peer client system, the one or more information sources identified in the subscription request; and

detecting, in each peer client system, a modification to an information source, the step of detecting comprising receiving an indication that a first information source has been modified and, if there is a subscription associated with the first information source, communicating an alert message to each peer client system that is associated with the first subscription directly from another peer client system using peer to peer (P2P) communication, the alert message including information indicating that the first information source has been modified,

wherein each peer client system that receives the alert message can access an information source that is associated with the alert message, a copy of the information source being stored in another peer client system, and

wherein each peer client system that receives an alert message can access the copy from the other peer client system.

23-25. (Canceled)